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From: Ferrell, Mark
Sent: Wed 1/22/2014 6:41:07 PM
Subject: Re: Superfund Designation - WV Spill

Yes of course - will get someone back to you.

Mark

From: Mehta, Kirtan (Manchin) <Kirtan_Mehta@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 1:31:39 PM
To: Ferrell, Mark
Subject: Re: Superfund Designation - WV Spill

That makes sense, no problem! Any chance I can at least get a quick checklist of the superfund emergency process?

From: Ferrell, Mark [mailto:Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 12:28 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: Mehta, Kirtan (Manchin)
Subject: RE: Superfund Designation - WV Spill

Hi Kirtan. Our Philadelphia office is closed today because of weather, so not sure how much response/assistance we can tap into from teleworkers today. I'm working on it.

I'm afraid I don't have the authority to share my notes of conversations with congressional members, but I can characterize the call with Rocky Goodwin yesterday as about basic issues involving the safety chemical itself - pretty much same questions everyone is asking of CDC, Eastman, DEP, etc.

You might loop in with Rocky Goodwin and compare notes, or ask to be on Thursday's call. (It's her call, not mine. No problem on our end if it's okay between you two.)

Mark

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From: Mehta, Kirtan (Manchin) <Kirtan_Mehta@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 10:15 AM
To: Ferrell, Mark; Levine, Carolyn
Cc: Rupp, Mark; Snyder, Raquel
Subject: RE: Superfund Designation - WV Spill

Thanks, Mark. Just so we don't duplicate efforts, could I please get a read out of that call and can we join the call tomorrow? Thanks.

From: Ferrell, Mark [mailto:Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 9:37 AM
To: Levine, Carolyn; Mehta, Kirtan (Manchin)
Cc: Rupp, Mark; Snyder, Raquel
Subject: Re: Superfund Designation - WV Spill

Re: remediation issues, I have recently been working with R3 staff to address questions from Sen. Rockefeller on issues surrounding DEP expected application for site specific assessment grant.

We had a conf call yesterday with members of his staff, and are working to address their follow-up questions in another call slated for tomorrow.

Just an FYi.

Mark

From: Levine, Carolyn
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 9:18:33 AM
To: Mehta, Kirtan (Manchin); Ferrell, Mark
Cc: Rupp, Mark; Snyder, Raquel
Subject: Re: Superfund Designation - WV Spill

Hi Kirtan,

I am adding Raquel Snyder in my office. We will work with the Superfund folks to provide you with an explanation of the process for a superfund program removal. We will get back to you asap.

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From: Mehta, Kirtan (Manchin) <Kirtan_Mehta@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 9:15:00 AM
To: Ferrell, Mark
Cc: Rupp, Mark; Levine, Carolyn
Subject: Superfund Designation - WV Spill

Good morning,

Hope you all are well. As you know, Senator Manchin remains very concerned about the West Virginia chemical spill, and the recent news of additional chemicals in the tanks owned by Freedom Industries is even more troubling. Given the bankruptcy filing by Freedom Industries, we are concerned additional dangerous chemicals may continue to sit near the water supply without action from government officials. The Senator would like to know the procedure/protocol for a Superfund declaration so that these tanks can be removed and the area cleaned once and for all. Could you please describe me the process as well any alternatives? Given the urgent nature on the ground, your soonest response is appreciated. Thanks!

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